AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently amended) An implant suitable for a condyle of a femur having a superiorimplantation on a femoral condyle, comprising a bone-facing implant surface and an inferiorjoint-facing implant surface; wherein the superiorbone-facing implant surface opposes at least a portion of the femoral condyle of the femur and the trochlea, and the inferiorjoint-facing implant surface opposes at least a portion of a weight bearing portion of a tibial surface and a patella; and further wherein at least onea portion of the superior or inferior surfaces bone-facing implant surface has a three-dimensional shape that substantially matches the shape of one of the femur and tibia surfaces at least a portion of an uncut articular surface that the bone-facing surface of the implant abuts.
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the implant has a thickness of a cartilage defect in a patient.
- 4. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the implant has a thickness of 85% of a cartilage defect in a patient.
- 5. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the implant has a thickness of between 65%-100% of a cartilage defect of a patient.
- 6. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the implant has a thickness of a cartilage defect plus a predefined offset value.

- 7. (Original) The implant of claim 6, wherein said offset value can be selected to adjust for axis malalignment.
- 8. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the implant is constructed of a material comprising metal or metal alloy.
- 9. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the material comprises one or more biologically active materials.
- 10. (Original) The implant of claim 6 wherein the implant is coated with a biologically active material.
- 11. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the implant is comprised of a metal or metal alloy and a polymer.
- 12. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 1 further having a structure for attachment on at least one of the <u>superiorbone-facing</u> surface and the <u>inferiorjoint-facing</u> surface selected from the group consisting of: ridges, pegs, pins, cross-members, teeth and protrusions.
- 13. (Original) The implant of claim 12 further having a plurality of structures for attachment.
- 14. (Original) The implant of claim 13 wherein the relative orientation of the structures for attachment are selected from the group consisting of: symmetrical, asymmetrical, rows, circles, triangles, and random.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The implant of claim 1 wherein <u>a second component of</u> the implant covers a portion of a patellar surface of the femur.
- 16. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 1 wherein each of the superiorbone-facing surface and inferior surfacejoint-facing surfaces have a

- slope relative to a longitudinal axis through at least a portion of the implant and further wherein the slope of the <u>superiorbone-facing</u> surface relative to the slope of the <u>inferiorjoint-facing</u> surface is selected from the group consisting of: positive, negative, and null.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The implant of claim 1 wherein the external surface of the implant approximates the shape of one of the first and second condylar, trochlear, tibial or patellar articular surfaces.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The implant of claim 1 wherein a condyle mating surface of the implant has at least one plane surface for mating with a prepared condyle having a chamfer cut.
- 19. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the implant is selected from a library of implants.
- 20. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the implant is surgically implanted via an incision of 10 cm or less.
- 21. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the implant is surgically implanted via an incision of 6 cm or less.
- 22. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the range of motion of the joint is restored to between 80-99.9% of normal joint motion.
- 23. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the range of motion of the joint is restored to between 90-99.9% of normal joint motion.
- 24. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the range of motion of the joint is restored to between 95-99.9% of normal joint motion.

- 25. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the range of motion of the joint is restored to between 98-99.9% of normal joint motion.
- 26. (Original) The implant of claim 1 wherein the implant is formed to oppose at least a portion of a second condyle on the femur.
- 27. (Currently amended) A kit for repairing a knee comprising one or more implants selected from the following: a condylar implant having a superior surface and an inferior surface wherein the superior surface opposes at least a portion of a condyle of the femur and a trochlea and the inferior surface opposes at least a portion of a weight bearing portion of a tibial surface and a patella and further wherein at least one of the superior or inferior surfaces has a three dimensional shape that substantially matches the shape of one of the femur and tibia surfaces; a condylar implant having a superior surface and an inferior surface wherein the superior surface opposes at least a portion of a condyle of the femur and the inferior surface opposes at least a portion of a weight bearing portion of a tibial surface and further wherein at least one of the superior or inferior surfaces has a three dimensional shape that substantially matches the shape of one of the femur and tibia surfaces; a patellar implant having a first surface that engages the femur mating surface of the patella and a second surface that engages the trochlea; and an implant suitable for the tibial plateau having a superior surface and in inferior surface wherein the superior surface opposes at least a portion of a femur and the inferior portion opposes at least a portion of the tibial surface and further wherein at least one of the superior or inferior surfaces has a threedimensional shape that substantially matches the shape of one of the femur and tibial surfaces.

- a. a femoral condyle implant comprising a bone-facing femoral implant surface and a joint-facing femoral implant surface; wherein the bone-facing femoral implant surface opposes at least a portion of the femoral condyle and the trochlea, and the joint-facing femoral implant surface opposes at least a portion of a tibial surface and a patella; and further wherein at least a portion of the bone-facing implant surface has a three-dimensional shape that substantially matches the shape of at least a portion of an uncut articular surface that the bone-facing surface of the implant abuts;;
- b. a patellar implant comprising a first surface that engages the femur mating surface of the patella and a second surface that engages the patella.
- 28. (New) An implant for implantation on a femoral condyle, comprising a bone-facing implant surface and a joint-facing implant surface; wherein the bone-facing implant surface opposes at least a portion of at least one or more femoral condyles and the trochlea; and the joint-facing implant surface opposes at least a portion of a weight-bearing portion of a tibial surface and a patella; and further wherein at least a portion of the bone-facing implant surface has a three dimensional shape that substantially matches the shape of an uncut articular surface that the implant abuts.
- 29. (New) The implant of claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the joint-facing surface of the implant has a three-dimensional shape that substantially matches the surface of an opposing tibial implant component.
- 30. (New) The implant of claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the joint facing surface of the implant has a three-dimensional shape that substantially

- matches the shape of at least one of the articular surface that the bone-facing surface of the implant abuts and the joint-facing surface of the implant abuts.
- 31. (New) An implant for implantation on a femoral condyle, comprising a bone-facing implant surface and an joint-facing implant surface; wherein the bone-facing implant surface opposes at least a portion of the femoral condyle and the trochlea, and the joint-facing implant surface opposes at least a portion of a tibial surface and a patella; and further wherein at least a portion of the joint-facing implant surface has a three-dimensional shape that substantially matches the shape of at least a portion of the uncut articular surface that the bone-facing surface of the implant abuts.
- 32. (New) The implant of claim 32, wherein the implant has a thickness of a cartilage defect plus a predefined offset value.
- 33. (New) The implant of claim 33, wherein said offset value can be selected to adjust for axis malalignment.
- 34. (New) The implant of claim 32, wherein the implant is constructed of a material comprising metal or metal alloy.
- 35. (New) The implant of claim 32, further having a structure for attachment on at least one of the bone-facing surface and the joint-facing surface selected from the group consisting of: ridges, pegs, pins, cross-members, teeth and protrusions.
- 36. (New) The implant of claim 33, wherein the implant has a thickness similar to normal cartilage.
- 37. (New) The implant of claim 33, wherein the implant has a thickness that is constant across the implant.

- 38. (New) The implant of claim 33, wherein the implant has a thickness that varies across the implant.
- 39. (New) An implant for implantation on a femoral condyle, comprising a bone-facing implant surface and an joint-facing implant surface; wherein the bone-facing implant surface opposes at least a portion of the femoral condyle and the trochlea, and the joint-facing implant surface opposes at least a portion of a tibial surface and a patella; and further wherein at least a portion of both the bone-facing and the joint-facing implant surface has a three-dimensional shape that substantially matches the shape of at least a portion of the uncut articular surface that the bone-facing surface of the implant abuts.
- 40. (New) The implant of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of both the bone-facing and the joint-facing implant surface has a three-dimensional shape that substantially matches the shape of at least a portion of an uncut articular surface that the bone-facing surface of the implant abuts.
- 41. (New) The implant of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the joint-facing implant surface has a three-dimensional shape that substantially matches the shape of at least a portion of an uncut articular surface that the bone-facing surface of the implant abuts.
- 42. (New) The implant of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the joint facing implant surface has a three-dimensional shape that substantially mimicks the shape of a normal articular cartilage surface.
- 43. (New) The implant of claim 1, wherein the distance between the bone facing and the joint facing implant surface is constant.

- 44. (New) The implant of claim 43, wherein said distance between the bone facing and the joint facing implant surface is similar to the thickness of articular cartilage.
- 45. (New) The implant of claim 1, wherein the distance between the bone facing and the joint facing implant surface is variable.
- 46. (New) The implant of claim 45, wherein the distance between the bone facing and the joint facing implant surface is similar to the thickness of articular cartilage.